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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 33, SIGNS, OF THE SANDY SPRINGS ZONING ORDINANCE RELATED TO SIGNS WITHIN CITY CENTER, LOCATION OF MONUMENT SIGNS, AND INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sandy Springs find that from time to time it is necessary to amend sections of the Code to correct, clarify, and update the provisions of the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council directed staff to move forward with development of an amendment to the sign ordinance based upon recommendations in the adopted City Center Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Center Master Plan as adopted by the Mayor and City Council recommended that pedestrian scale signs were appropriate and needed within the City Center Area; and

WHEREAS, the existing ordinance does not provide definitions for some types of signs needed within the City Center area; and

WHEREAS, the location of monument signs as currently permitted created conflicts with sign visibility and the locations of buildings close to the street; and

WHEREAS, internal backlighting of the entire face of monument signs in the Commercial and Industrial Park districts of the city is not regulated in the current ordinance and needed to prevent undue distraction of vehicular drivers and reduce light pollution in Commercial and Industrial Park districts;

NOW, THEREFORE, to accomplish the foregoing, the City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia, pursuant to their authority, do hereby adopt the following Ordinance:

1.

Article 33, Signs, of the Sandy Springs Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as shown in the attached mark-up.

2.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are repealed.

3.

Severability. Should any court of competent jurisdiction declare any section of this Ordinance invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

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Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. It is the intention of the Mayor and City Council, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Sandy Springs, Georgia and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

5.

This Ordinance is effective July 21, 2015; and

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of July, 2015.

Approved:

Russell K. Paul, Mayor

Attest:

Michael D. Casey, City Clerk

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